Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* It was brought to my notice. The Panchayat well was rocky and there was no use of deepening it. There was a private well and the people told me that if the silt was removed, there will be availability of good water. I at once ordered the Panchayat Director to look into the matter.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Have any steps been taken to supply drinking water to the people of the locality after the promise of the Hon'ble Minister?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* Yes, steps are being taken.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണൻഎഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ആ കിണർ ഉടനെ താഴ്ത്തി വൃത്തിയാക്കിക്കാമെന്നു് വാഗ്ദാനം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Public Health):* The Panchayat well is rocky and it is useless to spend anything on it.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: ആ കിണർ നോക്കി അതിന്റെ സ്ഥിതി മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ടാണൊ അന്നു് അതിനു് വേണ്ടയു് ഉടനെ ഐയ്യകൊട്ടക്കാമെന്നു് വാഗ്ദാനം നല്കിയതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: ഞാൻ നേരിട്ടു് കണ്ടു മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ടാണു് പറഞ്ഞതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: പിന്നീടു് അതിൽ പാറയുണ്ടെന്നും കുഴിച്ചു് വെള്ളമുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ വിഷമമുള്ളതാണെന്നും ഇലക്ഷൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു് കുറച്ചു് ദിവസം കഴിഞ്ഞാണൊ മനസ്സിലാക്കിയതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: അതിനു് കുറച്ചുദിവസം മുമ്പാണു്.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nallayi):* Has any provision been made in the budget in this behalf?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* We have not made any provision as such, but of course we have made a lump sum provision out of which it is the idea to spend on similar items.

UMBRELLAS—PERMITS FOR

114. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether permits are given in large numbers at the request of the various heads of the sections, institutions and departments of the Government for the purchase of umbrellas by the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Inspector of Trichur;

(*b*) whether the Inspector examines the ration card of the persons to whom permits are given;

(*c*) does he make sure that they have not got other permits for the same;

(*d*) what is the maximum number of perimts given to one on such requisition for umbrellas;

(*e*) whether permits are given to all and sundry in the institution or section or department?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Requisitions are being received from Heads of the several institutions (both official and non-official) for permits for purchasing umbrellas for their staff. Permits are issued to them in accordance with the availability of stock and the need of the applicant.

(*b*) In the case of individual applications the Inspector used to examine the ration cards. But in the case of requisitions from Heads of Institutions this is not possible. In such instances the permits are issued on the basis of recommendations, by the Heads of such institutions.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Generally only one permit is issued to one individual. But in the case of requisitions through Heads of Institutions the permits issued to the members of the staff are despatched to the heads of the institutions concerned unless otherwise directed.

(*e*) No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* May I know whether any list of the persons to whom permits are granted is being maintained?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* May I know whether that list is looked into when requisitions are made from the heads of departments whether umbrellas have already been given?

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* May I know the nature of the non-official institutions to whom permits have been granted for umbrellas?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* For the exact details I want notice; but generally I can say, the institutions are factories, aided schools, and the like.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Who is to give permits for ambrellas?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Hoarding and Profiteering Inspector.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* How many Hoarding and Profiteering Inspectors are there now?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* On the whole there are 7 Inspectors, one each for Ernakulam Town, Mattancheri, Trichur Taluk, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, Mukundapuram and Cranganur Taluks, Talappalli Taluk and Chittur Taluk.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether it is possible for one Inspector to give the necessary permits in the Mukundapuram and Cranganur Taluks together?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The umbrellas that are available are limited. I think it is possible, though with some difficulty.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government consider the question of supplying another man for these Taluks?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We are also deputing other members of our department to help these Inspectors in writing the permits.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government note that real difficulty is being experienced?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിലെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ പട്ടണത്തിനു പുറമെ ഗ്രാമങ്ങളിൽപോയി പെർമിറ്റ് കൊടുത്തതായി അറിവ് കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The distribution is mostly done from the Trichur Town both for the Trichur Town and Trichur Taluk. The majority of the permits are issued from the town.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* The Hon'ble Member said a little before that it is the Hoarding and Profiteering Inspector who issues the permits. Is it not the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Inspector? *(Laughter).* Probably the reality has come out there.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Hon'ble Member is right.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* How long will it take for the Inspector to give a reply if there is stock of umbrellas?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* If there is stock it will not take a very long time to send permits, but it is not possible to send replies to all applicants. Permits are issued in pursuance of applications but replies are not generally sent to all applicants. Some applicants send covers for reply. In such cases, replies are sent.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* If envelopes for reply are sent, is it not desirable, at least out of courtesy, to send replies?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is being done; when we get reply envelopes we generally send replies.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* I have sent a cover and I did not get an umbrella for a fortnight and I am using a palmyracadjan leaf umbrella.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I said generally replies are being sent. If every applicant sends a reply envelope, if may not be possible to send replies to all.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. പോറ്റി: ഒരു പെർമിറ്റിനപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നതോടുകൂടി മറുപടിക്കുള്ള ഒരു കവറും അടക്കം ചെയ്തയച്ചിട്ടും പെർമിറ്റയച്ചുതരുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വരുകയാണെങ്കിൽ, അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് നിർത്തിവെയ്ക്കുണ്ടതാണ് ആവശ്യം.

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member asking a question?

Mr. P. A. Mohamad Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Inspectors have got offices of their own.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They are allowed to sit in some of our offices; they have no separate offices, but they are using our other offices.

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Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know what is our quota?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Our quota is 6561 dozen for the year 1946.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* May I know whether more than one umbrella is allowed especially when requisitions are made by heads of departments for permits?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* If it is for their staff of more than one person, it has been allowed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* Suppose in the institution there are 100 people and suppose there is application for 200 umbrellas, will the Inspector allow 200 umbrellas?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* He is not expected to allow.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* Do Government know that there are cases where permits are sold to the shop-keepers who are selling umbrellas?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice. It is possible that any purchaser may abuse the permit. It is not expected that it will take place.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ: എന്നാണ് ഈ പർമിറ്റ സമ്പ്രദായം ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയതു്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is only in this season.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ: അതിനെന്താണ് കാരണം?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Because it was thought that as the number of umbrellas available was limited, if there is no permit system there will not be fair distribution.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ: എന്തെങ്കിലും ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഉദാഹരണം എടുത്തു് കാണിച്ചു് പറയുകയുണ്ടായൊ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There were several complaints that the people were not getting umbrellas.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ: ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള പെർമിറ്റ് സമ്പ്രദായം കൊണ്ടു ബ്ലാക്കു്മാർക്കറ്റിങ്ങു് നടക്കുന്നതായിട്ടറിയാമൊ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No, in fact, we have been able to prevent black-market.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* I may be permitted to make a few suggestions.....

Mr. President: I suggest that this is not the time for making suggestions. I hope the Hon'ble Member will be good enough to write to Government who will certainly consider any suggestion he wishes to make.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിലും, മുകുന്ദപുരം താലൂക്കിലും ഈ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെ സഹായിക്കാൻ ഓരോ അസിസ്റ്റാൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരെക്കൂടി കൊടുക്കാമൊ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Of course that means financial commitments. We are deputing some of our other officers to assist them to write out permits. There may not be difficulty hereafter.

Mr. President: The time for questions and answers is over.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT—MATTANCHERI

115. Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to answer.—

(*a*) what about the proposal of a 70′ road in Mattancheri; does it include in the Town improvement Committee's Proposals;

(*b*) is the Government starting the work immediately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) There is a proposal to construct a road 100′ wide in the scheme submitted by the Mattancheri Town Improvement Committee.

(*b*) The question of priority for the works proposed by the Committee is being considered by Government.

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